

Please amend Claims 13 and 15 as follows. A mark-up of the amended claim as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.211(c)(ii) is attached hereto as Appendix A.

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13. (Amended) A composition comprising a variant HBV or variant HbsAg according to any one of claims 1 to 12 and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and/or diluents.

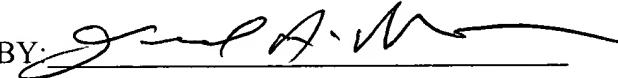
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15. (Amended) A method for the treatment or prophylaxis of HBV infection said method comprising administering to a subject an amount of a variant HBV or variant HbsAg according to any one of claims 1 to 12, said amount being effective to induce an immune response to said variant HBV.

REMARKS

Claims 1-13, 15 and 17 are pending in the application. The claims have been amended to reduce claim number.

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